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Applicant : Stoffel, et al.
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FOR INHIBITING SAME

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed January 5, 2007, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-11, 60, 62 and 63, drawn to an isolated DNA or RNA molecule, classified in Class 536, subclass 24.5.
- II. Claims 12-17 and 61, drawn to a modified single stranded pancreatic islet microRNA molecule, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.
- III. Claims 18-54, 64 and 65, drawn to an isolated single stranded anti-microRNA module, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.
- IV. Claims 55-58, drawn to a method for inhibiting microRNP activity in a cell, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- V. Claims 59, 66 and 67, drawn to a method for treating diabetes in a mammal in need thereof, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

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The Examiner has also required the election of a single sequence.

In response, Applicants elect the claims of Group III, i.e., Claims 18-54, 64 and 65 and SEQ ID NO 1, without traverse.

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